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Aftermath of Flood of '93

Grants to help city with sewer repairs

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

While the devastation caused by the Flood of '93 may be a distant memory for many people, some municipalities are still trying to recover from the financial hardship created by the disaster.

Granite City leaders received some good news this week when it was learned that they will receive a \$158,000 grant from Madison County to help reimburse the costs associated with trying to rebuild infrastructure destroyed by the flood.

The county grant, coupled with about \$1,300,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency will help defray the city's cost of repairing its sewer system.

"This is good news for the city. This disaster could have been devastating for the city if

we hadn't come up with the \$2 million for repairs," said Mayor Ron Selph, who learned of the county assistance Tuesday afternoon.

While nearby municipalities like West Alton, St. Louis and Alton were virtually destroyed by the overflowing Mississippi River during the summer of 1993, most of Granite City's problems involved sewer lines. As captured as a result of the high groundwater table - were virtually invisible to the casual observer.

Those who were without sewer service - or those whose streets caved in due to the sewer failures - the damage was very real.

Mayor Ron Selph himself observed the damage first-hand when he helped an elderly couple bail raw sewage out of their basement.

"We were loading buckets of

raw sewage and carrying it out," Selph recalled.

More than 60 sewer breaks have been identified in the city since the flood. Sixty were confirmed as flood-related prior to Aug. 1 deadline set by FEMA.

FEMA has promised to reimburse the city for 90 percent of the costs associated with repairs and the city selected the "fixing tab" could have placed a heavy burden on the city's general fund without the grant money approved by the county this week.

Joe Juneau of Juneau and Associates, the city's contractual engineer, said that FEMA has so far approved about \$1.4 million in reimbursement for the city. He projects the final tab to be more than \$2 million, he said.

For perspective on the \$2 million price tag on repairs, see (See SEWERS, Page 6A)

Mayor vetoes debate limit rule

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Flexing his executive muscle, Mayor Ron Selph has vetoed an ordinance that would have changed the way the city conducts its business.

Tuesday night, Selph notified the City Council that he has vetoed an amendment to a city-declared ordinance that would have limited the amount

of time each alderman could speak on the council floor. The amendment was approved by the council Dec. 6 by an 8-7 vote.

"The best council action can only be the result of debate and responsible debate," Selph said.

By law, the City Council may not discuss or debate issues pertaining to local government matters, except in committee or council meetings. The proposed amendment would have limited

aldermen to two, two-minute opportunities to speak on any given subject.

"I strongly believe it is necessary to grant reasonable time for council members to fully express their thoughts on pending issues and this cannot be accomplished by the strict limitations imposed by this ordinance," Selph said.

The mayor's action marks the (See VETO, Page 10A)

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75 years ago

Dec. 22, 1919
The Horseshoe Lake Line

Street Car Company is tearing up the car tracks east of the L & M Railroad tracks to Horseshoe Lake, a distance of about one mile. Traffic along the Horseshoe Lake Line has ceased to be a revenue-producer for some time.

Deaths

Elsie Mathenia
Lora Vaught
Bonnie Shermana
Herbert Prewett
Leona Piel
Alma Daubach
Lorna White
Jack Ehart
Ernest Kern

Madison city tax rate to decline

Drop will help offset school district's large increase

By Hiley Schulte
Staff writer

The Madison City Council passed the city's 1994-95 tax levy at a meeting held Tuesday night, and as the mayor and the council promised, Madison city taxes will not increase. In fact, the tax rate will decrease.

"In 1993 we had a tax rate of 74 per \$100 of assessed valuation. In 1994 the extended tax rate will be \$2.58 per \$100. That means the tax rate for each citizen dropped 15 or 16 cents per \$100," said Casper Nighthawk, city tax collector.

"The main thing to cause the decrease is that the assessed valuation has gone up. And implementing trash collection fees has also caused big savings," said Mayor John Belloff.

The decrease will help to offset an increase approved by the Madison School

District. The district's \$1.2 million levy, approved last week, will result in a tax-rate increase of 10 to 85 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, district officials said.

The \$1.2 million levy is a nearly 24 percent increase over the previous year's. The bulk of the increase is a result of voters' approval last year of a \$100 bond issue and a separate property tax rate increase.

In total, the city of Madison will levy about \$2 million.

Broken down into funds, that's \$1.1 million for bridge, \$100,000 for buildings, \$8,462 for the building inspector's department, \$7,490 for city clerk, \$45,840 for the total executive department and \$37,924 for the total legislative department.

Local levies for the comptroller's office was \$33,940; \$20,000 for contingency, \$2,800 for total emergency services and disaster agencies, \$173,100 for total fire department,

\$14,550 for the health and human department, \$34,380 for the legal department, \$3,000 for pensions and \$361,038 for the total police department.

For police and fire commissioners, \$11,730 was levied; \$108,300 for refuse, \$71,000 for street lights and hydrants, \$320,433 for streets and sewers, \$9,060 for the treasurer, \$19,977 for the auditor, \$10,000 for playground equipment, \$35,986 for the alarm department, \$90,000 for the shopping center, \$2,975 for police pensions and \$15,000 for the audit of books and records.

In addition to the above amounts, special taxes were levied against Madison property for police protection, street lights, Illinois Municipal Retirement funds, Social Security liability, the free public library and reading room, the playground and recreation system and police pensions.

Christmas spirit

Post office handles extra work without complaint

By Hiley Schulte
Staff writer

Granite City Postmaster Charles Parkinson said the post office is handling about 30 percent more mail because of the Christmas rush, but it is nothing that wasn't expected.

"Monday was by far our busiest day thus far. We had a line out the door Sunday and Monday," Parkinson said.

He said that parcels have been delivered the past two Sundays because the volume has been so heavy, "a kid's gonna couldn't handle the volume on Monday if we didn't have some help on Sunday," he said.

The biggest bulk of mail has been in recent days. "Even with the more volume, it's easier to handle," he said.

Parkinson said carriers do an excellent job during the year and the fortunate there hasn't been snow and ice."

He said the Christmas rush is normal, but it may be a little higher than in previous years.

"I don't consider with the retailers' reports that sales are good. If they're having a good year, we are. With the upswing in the economy, there's more money to spend," said Parkinson.

According to Parkinson, as in the past, express mail will be delivered in the Granite City

area on Christmas Day. He said that the postmasters in the 6-20 zip codes recently met and decided to make the effort to get the express mail delivered on Christmas Day. "To my knowledge, that's the only zip area that's trying to do that," he said.

(See SPIRIT, Page 6A)



Joyous holiday

Businessman helps needy with food, toys

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

A local businessman is doing what he can to ensure every child in the Quad City area has a merry Christmas. Don Caughron, owner of Don's Hardware store, 1837 Delmar Ave. in downtown Granite City, has collected hundreds of toys to distribute to needy families this week.

"All the parents seem to do is come in and pick out what they want for their kids. And if they can't come in, all they need to do is call and tell us the number of kids and their ages. We'll deliver," Caughron said.

Teddy bears and other stuffed animals, a board hockey game and bicycles are among the gifts Caughron is distributing this year.

"Nobody should have to go without presents at Christmas," he said.

"I just like to help people. There's lots of kids out there that won't have Christmas. I don't want that to happen," Caughron said.

Caughron also has cases and cases of food to distribute to families that cannot afford it.

He has shoe boxes full of letters from grateful recipients.

One example comes from a woman with three girls ages six, four and two years. Their electricity had been shut off for three weeks when they came to Caughron for food.

"The day I came to you for food I didn't have a thing to eat at all. We were really hungry," the letter states.

"I thought that, with no electric at all, that was the end of my world," she writes.

"But no, it was not.... My girls thank you dearly. You were our lifesaver," the letter writer says.

(See GIFTS, Page 6A)



Don Caughron displays some of the toys he will be giving to area needy children this week.

The season to be jolly is depressing for many

Christmas cards and carols create visions of sugar-coated holidays, but, for many, those images are far from reality.

Many people are depressed during the holidays.

One couple commonly encountered in missing a loved one who cannot be home for holiday celebrations, family therapist Steve Jacobs said.

"This is a time of longing of isolation and sort of that comes off as a feeling that they don't want to get involved in the holiday spirit or functions," said Jacobs, who practices at the Pauline Service and Visiting Nurses Association in Alton. "There are millions of families with members gone overseas. It's more frustrating to them, and they can feel things, and they can feel become angry."

That anger can lead to depression and may be exacerbated by alcohol consumption common at holiday parties. With alcohol being a depressant, people should be cautious, Jacobs said.

"It's nice to drink and have an excuse for feeling bad," Jacobs said. "Credit card companies seem to want to get you in debt. That's something to watch out for this time of year," he said.

"People want sometimes to be extra extravagant, but you don't

drinking is something you may not want to do. It could make you feel more sad."

The Rev. Vernon McGee said the loss of a loved one also is a common reason of depression during parties and family gatherings, regardless of when the person died.

"I talked to a lady the other day who lost her daughter almost four years ago, and every season it's a recurring thing for her," said McGee, a minister at First Baptist Church in Brightwood.

Children of a divorce usually live with one parent and miss the other parent can make Christmas less joyful.

"During the holidays, one of those parents is not going to be there, so it's hard for the children," McGee said.

Financial problems seem to grow as Christmas nears, turning shopping into a chore or, in some cases, an inability.

"Credit card companies seem to want to get you in debt. That's something to watch out for this time of year," he said.

have to do that. Your friends think more of something handmade, like Christmas cards, than some thing you bought, anyway."

If life seems to be your color this season, Jacobs said don't lose hope. You're not alone, and there are things you can do to counter feelings of loneliness and depression.

"If you're missing a loved one, try talking about that person you miss and focus on the positive, fun aspects that person had," he said. "Be as much as you can around people you do care for. If you have access to a telephone, call a relative. Think you have the right idea that not only during the year but during the holiday times, family members still love you and care for you."

McGee said depression is common and can be treated.

"Millions of people even consider suicide—that's normal. You must know that there are people who care. There is always a friend who will try to help you through your problems if you would call them," he said.

Communicating your feelings is the first step toward getting better and taking part in the holiday spirit, McGee said.

—From the Alton Telegraph



(Photo by JEANNIE RIFFE)

Pauline and Edward Koelker with Ida McLendon, a registered nurse in the 3-Surgical area of St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The couple went home from the hospital the day after they had their cardiac catheterizations.

Two at a time

Couple have heart procedures minutes apart

In a popular song, a couple is described as having "two hearts that beat as one."

Granite City couple Edward and Pauline Koelker share the help of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Cardiac Catheterization Lab staff, have more information on the status of their hearts than a love song can provide.

Edward and Pauline had cardiac cath minutes apart Tuesday, Nov. 29. Cardiologist Dr. Thomas Martin and the SEMC Cardiac Cath staff performed the procedures.

Pauline was scheduled to have her cardiac cath Monday, Dec. 5. She was at home with Edward, blacked out while they were talking about the birth of a new great-grandson. She called 911 to take Edward to

the medical center, planning to reschedule her test after he saw Dr. Thomas Martin, their physician.

Dr. Martin said he would like him (Edward) to have a cardiac catheterization, too, so we decided we would just do both on the same day," Pauline said.

Cardiac catheterizations reveal crucial information about a patient's heart. In the procedure, a fine, long catheter, a tube for evacuating or injecting fluids, is passed through the lumen of a blood vessel into the heart's chambers.

The procedure is taped on film, which cath lab personnel use to detect the location of defects in the walls and valves of the heart, the location and

degree of narrowing of coronary arteries and the diastolic pressures in heart chambers.

At SEMC, several cardiologists perform catheterizations on a rotational basis. The staff of critical care nurses and radiology technologists assist the doctors in all tests. SEMC has been offering cardiac cath services since 1989.

The Koelker's caths came out well, which is a good thing. They need room in their hearts for yet another great-grandchild, expected in March. That will bring the total to four daughters, 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, enough love to fill any heart.

Blood drive on Saturday

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Saturday, Dec. 24, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. John United Methodist Church, 201 St. Louis St., in Edwardsville.

The need for additional blood donors to meet demand during the holiday season prompted the Red Cross to hold the drive.

For information, according to Kathie Grant, executive secretary, American Red Cross, Madison County Chapter:

"The need for blood donations continues during the holidays. We want to capture the spirit of giving during the holiday season and ask people to give the gift of life."

In addition to St. John's United Methodist Church, a local holiday blood drive location includes Ramada Inn, Fairview Heights.



PET OF THE WEEK

Austi

Austi is a sweet little 6 wk. old cutie. She has beautiful blue eyes. She is probably a mix and to be mid-large size. Austi's wish for Christmas is to have a nice caring family to adopt her! Call 931-1030 for an interview or visit the Shelter.

Mon-Sat 8am-noon
9-1 on Sundays.

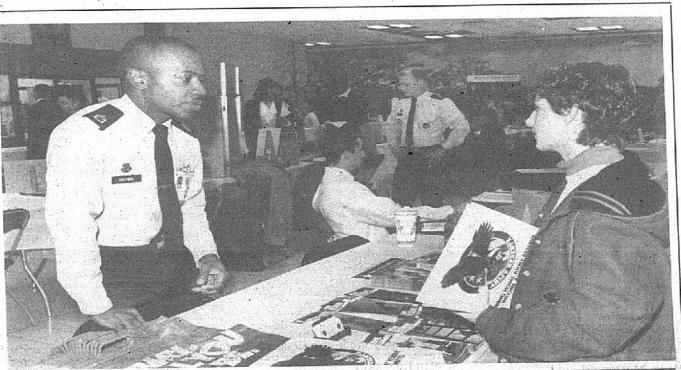
SEE US FOR ALL YOUR PET CARE NEEDS
PURINA, IAMS, PRO PLAN, SCIENCE DIET,
EURKANIA, DENTAL, MANGELSONS, SEMERS, SUN SEED.



Photo By Susan Judd

Your Only Store For Diamonds

THIS CHRISTMAS



Recruiter — Sgt. 1st Class Theodore Brown, left in photo above, discusses job opportunities with Fonda Cooley of Granite City during a recent job fair at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College. At right, Craig Daille, left, a representative from the St. Louis Marriott, talks with Caton Woods of Venice about the hotel. More 70 regional employers participated in the job fair.



THE LAW AND YOU
By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

Recently a woman contacted this office and indicated that she had been involved in an automobile accident. According to her version of the facts, she was driving through an intersection, and a man approaching the intersection on her left ran a stop sign and struck the side of her car.

Following the collision, the man driving the car that ran a stop sign asked the woman to call the police to the scene since he was financially stable and would take care of the damage to her car himself. She agreed not to call the police and the took his name, address, Social Security number and left the accident scene.

Later that evening, her neck and back began to hurt. She went to the emergency room, and her medical condition was diagnosed as cervical strain. The next day, she went to the police department and attempted to file a police report, but the police officer on duty refused to take an accident report after the facts.

The woman is now facing months of physical therapy, and under normal circumstances, she would be entitled to recover damages for the property damage to her car and for her personal injuries.

Without a police report to confirm the way the accident occurred, however, her case may not be considered.

In a similar case several years ago, a woman had her car stopped at an intersection, and her vehicle was struck from the rear by another car. The driver of the car at fault said she did not file a police report, she complied with the man's request because she felt sorry for him.

The woman in this case had substantial injury as a result of the accident. She was diagnosed as having a herniated disc, and eventually surgery was performed on her back. Under normal circumstances, she would have been awarded a substantial amount of money. The driver at fault, however, later denied that the accident occurred. Her ability to recover damages was seriously hampered by the failure to obtain a police report.

The lesson to be learned in these matters is that a driver should insist that a police report be prepared at the accident scene if there is damage to either vehicle or if there is any potential for personal injury resulting from the accident; a police report is imperative.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

BAC tuition plan a wrong turn

TO THE EDITOR:
Belleville Area College Board of Trustees:

I am writing in regard to the recent action taken by the board to raise the tuition for senior citizens.

I am a senior and have taken advantage of the generous tuition rate for many courses. I received an opportunity to further my education that I would not otherwise have been able to achieve.

As a senior, I feel you have made a wrong turn in this regard.

We believe that, as we grow older, we must do all that we possibly can to enhance our lives, whether on the mental level or the physical. Doctors will tell you that activity breeds health and poor mental function in the elderly.

While I hesitate, for vanity's sake, to call myself elderly, I realize that I do fit that category.

The fact that I was able to learn new processes, to brush up on my skills or to learn something new has been very exciting to me.

I along with many other persons of my generation, am unable to afford the cost when I was younger age. I still have felt privileged to attend at this point in time.

While I have never sought a degree, I have accumulated a number of hours and have been considering just such a goal.

I believe that this move will have the effect of discouraging senior citizen activity through Belleville Area College, since most of us live on fixed incomes and cannot afford the increased fees.

We do not have statistics showing how many or what percentages of your students fall in the senior citizen guidelines. I believe they are a very small group and do not inhibit the process of education for others.

In fact, I have had some of the younger students tell me they appreciate having the older students in the classroom because they, the youth, benefit from the experience of the senior students.

I think you will agree that seniors have been a very great part of the prior achievements of the college through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the literacy program, and the PSOP (Programs and Services for Older Persons) program, among others.

Please reconsider this decision and at least discuss another way to create revenue.

I am not advocating that you allow free attendance, or even remain at the \$2 figure, but per-

haps a minimal sum of \$12-\$18 per hour would be more realistic.

A few students at such a rate would be better than none at the higher rates. I must admit the jump from \$2 per hour to \$3 is quite forbidding.

Thank you for your reconsideration of this question.

LOUISE S. POTILLO
Granite City

No street improvements

TO THE EDITOR:
In 1928, Village of Nameoki trustees authorized grading the streets, alleys and sidewalks and improving the same on all other improvements on said lots and buildings.

My lot, No. 3, block 16, section 6, in Maryland Heights, was recorded on Aug. 19, 1940. I've paid Granite City taxes since 1942.

As we are, in our area bypassed, discriminated against. Yet, later on, the areas around our area have had paved streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drainage, etc.

Unless we are saving our horse-and-buggy street for a historical site, and unless our 7th Ward is too large to get our fair taxpayers' share there, I demand that we be treated as evenly as possible.

Maybe they should put us back in the 8th Ward, like we were in the 1950s.

Why have more police officers, when one officer made 50 personal visits to a neighbor, kept the notes, times, police car number. This is a partial list of reasons.

And, for the public, my innocence has been established, based on action by the state's attorney and a Madison County judge as of Sept. 28, 1993.

JOHN P. BOSCH
Granite City

Paramedics get a thank you

TO THE EDITOR:
I wish to take this opportunity to thank the 911 paramedics for the fast and efficient response in time of need.

They were very efficient in the effort to save my wife, Edith Worley.

Please, accept our thanks to all.

THE WORLEY FAMILY
Granite City

Substance abuse program would fill a void in county

The following editorial is reprinted from the Alton Telegraph.
Treatment for alcoholism and other substance abuse has come long way, but we apparently still have room for improvement in Madison County.

A proposed program for residents with substance abuse problems and mental illnesses is a step in the right direction to treat the serious social problem that is not swept under the rug — or in this case swept out of sight to the Alton Mental Health and Developmental Center.

Perhaps only the fictional television world of Andy Griffith's Mayberry could be a town's addiction problems be effectively dealt with by having the town drunk to check himself into the jail until he sobered up.

A much more complicated version of that has been playing out at the Alton Mental Health Center where substance abuse patients have been sent because there is a lack of appropriate treatment programs.

C.J. Domrowski, the inspector general of the Illinois Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, has pointed out that patients who are not seriously mentally ill are being packed off to the Alton Center because there are not enough programs and housing to treat the patients' substance abuse.

She said hundreds of substance-abuse patients are being admitted because staffers do not want to turn them away to fend for themselves on the streets.

The Alton Mental Health Center's director, Karl Kruckeberg, said many patients are admitted on an emergency basis after exhibiting dangerous behavior and are released after they detoxify.

A new program proposal that could be funded by the state by February is a start to stopping the revolving door of repeated admissions at the Alton Mental Health Center.

Under the program proposed by Madison County social service agencies, rental housing for residents with abuse and mental illness problems would be provided along with close contact with caseworkers.

Kruckeberg said, "We need to stop addressing this problem at our front door and start addressing it at our back door."

Most taxpayers would agree, and we think most people are in favor of allocating sufficient resources to address recognized social problems.

What voters made abundantly clear on Election Day last month is they are tired of programs that don't work. Rather than a piecemeal approach to gaps that allow substance abuse patients to sap resources at the Alton Mental Health Center, let's address the problem in a way that has a real chance of success.



Santa alive, well, visiting in L.A.

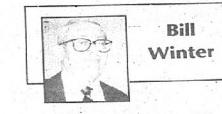
Santa Claus is alive and well. And he's currently visiting in Hollywood and Los Angeles.

We can be sure of that because of such new motion pictures as "Miracle on 34th Street," starring comedian Tim Allen and the new "Miracle on 34th Street" starring Richard Attenborough.

Attenborough portrays Santa Claus, the real St. Nicholas, complete with a genuine white beard.

And, for the public, my innocence in a ballyhoo on my property has been established, based on action by the state's attorney and a Madison County judge as of Sept. 28, 1993.

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Dogs reign in contest

Readers provide photos of canine friends

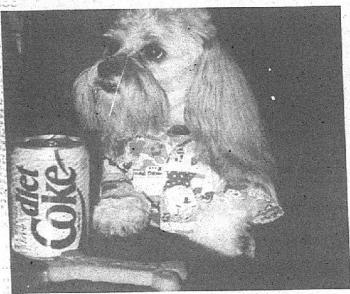
If more proof was needed that dogs are indeed man's best friend, *Press-Record* readers provided it in a recent newspaper promotion.

to the response we received from readers for our December feature — family pets.

Press-Record readers sent us photos of dogs dressed in children's clothes, eating at the

he's a cat.
Next month, we'll feature submitted photos of Christmas.

Here are the winning submitted photos, as judged by our editorial and photographic staff.



Let's eat — Joshua Aluwisious, seven-year-old Lhasa Apsو owned by Charlotte and Donald Fowler of 4273 East Lake Drive, is all dressed up in his comic strip shirt and waiting patiently for dinner.



Pretty in pink — Pebbles, two-month-old pet of Stacey Colp of 27 Fontainbleau Drive in Pontoon Beach, is all dressed up with no place to go!



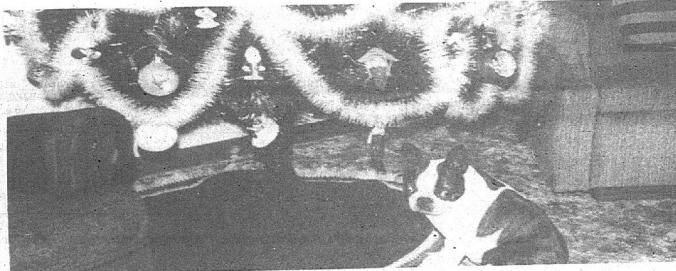
Ho ho ho — Sheba Renae, a seven-year-old Irish setter owned by Robert and Dianna Barthelemy of 20 Fountainbleau Drive in Pontoon Beach, is ready for Christmas.



Give me the remote — Butkus, an 8-year-old cocker spaniel, and Phillip Biason enjoy a Sunday afternoon of televised football game in the Biason living room at 2301 St. Bernard Ave.



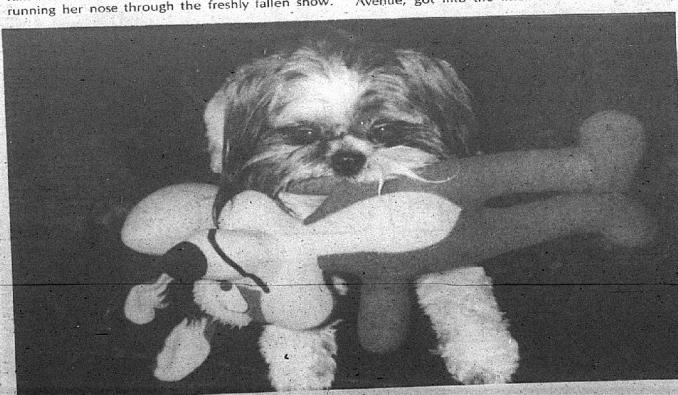
Ouch, my head! — Tez-Rea, one and a half year-old terrier owned by Sue Pinkerton of the 1500 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, soaks her head after a day of mischief.



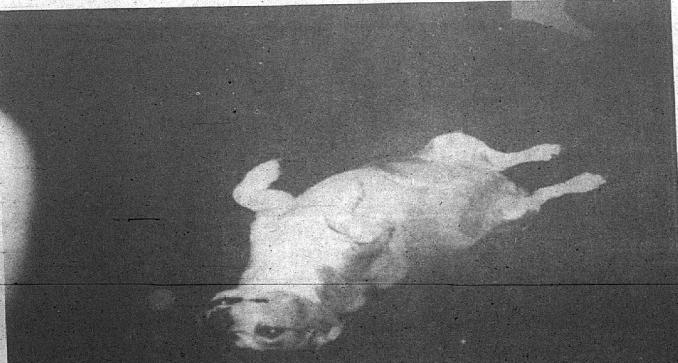
Where'd they go? — Peanut, four-year-old pet of Ollie M. Richardson of the 2500 block of Pine Street, wonders where all the Christmas packages went.



Sharing — Mitzy, 12-year-old pet of Leesa Schulte of the 2300 block of St. Bernard Avenue, doesn't mind sharing her bed with Katy Elise Schulte, age 2.



Beep beep! — Bunko Bodacious, two-year-old Shih Tzu owned by Charlotte and Donald Fowler of 4273 East Lake Drive, has no mercy on Wile E. Coyote.



I'm pooped — Wendy Marie, 10-year-old Beagle owned by Brian Wilson of the 2900 block of Faith Avenue, naps on the couch after a long day at play.

SUNDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 25, 1994

	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI	(2) Knight	** "A Reason to Live" (1986, Drama) New Funds	ABC World News Now (3)	ABC News	News	Business	This Morning (3)					
KMOV	(4) The World Turns	Lightning	Marietta	Married... Married... Married...	CBS News	Business	Daybreak					
KSDK	(5) Later	Lucy Show	Sports	Lights!	NBC News	News	NBC News	News (3)	News	Business	Daybreak	Business
KHLC	(6) Later	Lucy Show	Heaven	Above	Z Music (In Stereo)	Music	Insight	Talk Spin	Bobby	Bobo	Exosquad	Business
KETC	(7) Hoodie	Love Work	Psychic	(Off Air)				Adventures	Business	Business	Business	
KPLR	(11) Renegade (In Stereo)	Highlander: The Series	** "Crows and Corsets" (1982) Jethi Savalas	Country	Agbay	Copeland	Conan					
CABLE STATIONS												
SC	Press Box (R)	Press Box (R)	Press Box (R)	Today's Business								
CNN	Daybreak	Sports	Holiday Minds (R)	Sports	Spots	Daybreak	Business					
NBC	Lucy Show	Taxi	M.T. Moore	White Shadow	Newhart	Mr. Wizard	Flipper	Bulwinkle	Looney			
TNT	(1) Kip	** "The Bells of St. Mary's" (1958, Drama) Bing Crosby	Music	Music	Music	Bugs Bunny	Bugs Bunny	Bugs Bunny	Bugs Bunny			
USA	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Fighters	Fighters
ESPN	24 NFL Sportscenter (R)	Dangerous	Football	Football	Football	Football	Football	Football	Football	Football	NFL Sportscenter (R)	NFL Sportscenter (R)
DISC	24 Nature of Things	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
TBS	13 Today's Weather	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	This Morning's Weather	This Morning's Weather
WGN	12 Gift of Love (Erlich)	MotorWeek	On Money	Court TV	Jeffersons	Name	Bonanza	Copland	Children	Marriage		
WHSL	10 Bring Home America	Bring Home America	Bring Home America	Bring Home America	Bring Home America	Bring Home America	Bring Home America	Bring Home America	Bring Home America	Bring Home America		
AMC	20 ** "Mr. Music" (1950) Bing Crosby	Music	Music	Music	Music	Music	Music	Music	Music	Music	** "Sing One for Me" (1950) Bing Crosby	** "Sing One for Me" (1950) Bing Crosby
TNN	38 Today's Weather	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
MTV	98 Awaken	Varied	Community	Community	Community	Community	Community	Community	Community	Community	Community	Community
USA	30 Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.
FAM	26 Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.
A&E	31 Civil War Journals	Varied	Carolina's Comedy Hour	** "A Free Grown in Brooklyn" (1974, Drama)	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
PREMIUM STATIONS												
HBO	15 "Savages"	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied
SHOW	17 "Justice"	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied
TMC	17 "Code Justice" (1988, Drama) NFT	** "Natural" (1984, Drama) PG-13	** "There's No Business Like Show Business" (1954) PG	** "The Natural" (1984) PG	PG-13	PG-13	PG-13	PG-13	PG-13	PG-13	PG-13	PG-13
DISN	16 ** "The Happiest Millionaire" (1957, Musical) Fred MacMurray, G. Scott	Avonlea	Monk's Motel	Monks	Monks	Monks	Monks	Monks	Monks	Monks	Monks	Monks

WEEKDAY MORNING

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BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
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KETC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
KPLR	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
CABLE STATIONS												
SC	Money Wheel	Money Wheel	Money Wheel	Money Wheel	Money Wheel	Money Wheel	Money Wheel	Money Wheel	Money Wheel	Money Wheel	Money Wheel	Money Wheel
CNN	Daybreak	Morning News										
NICK	16 Welvener	Gumby	Rugrats	Muppets	Muppets	Allergia	Gullah	Variety	Unit Bits	Eurotica	Lasse	Daybreak
TNT	22 Scooby-Doo	Cartoon	Cartoon	Cartoon	Cartoon	Knots Landing	Knots Landing	Knots Landing	Knott's Berry Farm	Knott's Berry Farm	Knott's Berry Farm	Knott's Berry Farm
USA	24 Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Major Dad						
ESPN	24 Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Stephanie						
DISC	24 Star	Star										
TBS	13 Gilligan's Island	Barney	Kids	Kids	Kids	Kids	Kids	Kids				
TWC	36 This Morning's Weather	This Morning's Weather										
WGN	12 News	Griffith	Perri Mason	J.D. Hooker	J.D. Hooker	News	Classic Club					
WHSL	10 Varied Programs	Varied Programs										
AMC	20 Daybreak	Daybreak										
TNN	35 Daybreak	Daybreak										
MTV	98 Awaken	Varied	MTV Jams									
LIFE	30 Home	Home										
HNN	33 News	News										
FAM	26 Jumbo	Jumbo										
A&E	31 Varied Programs	Varied Programs										
CABLE STATIONS												
SC	Money Wheel (Cont'd)	Money	Market Wrap	Market Wrap	Toronto							
CNN	Daybreak International	Daybreak International	Daybreak International	Daybreak International	Daybreak International	Daybreak International	Daybreak International	Daybreak International	Daybreak International	Daybreak International	Daybreak International	Daybreak International
NICK	16 Lucy	Tillie	Looney	Beretjeus	Muppets	Terrie	Clairissa	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied	Varied
TNT	67 Movie	Movie										
USA	24 Pyramide Quicksilver	McGyver	Knight Rider	Wei-Sin	Fighters	Wings	Dockman	Dockman				
ESPN	24 Varied Programs	Challenge	Varied Programs	Match	Scorecenter	Scorecenter	Scorecenter	Scorecenter				
DISC	24 Star	Star										
TBS	26 Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Flintstones	Brady Bunch					
TWC	36 This Morning's Weather	Samurai	Saved Bell									
WGN	12 Quincy	Charles Peritz	Flintstones	Flintstones	Flintstones	Samurai	Saved Bell					
WHSL	10 Classic Club	Varied Programs										
AMC	24 Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Wild Horse Saloon	Club Dance	American	American	American	American	American
TNN	35 VideoCont	VideoCont	VideoCont	VideoCont	VideoCont	Greed	Sandblast	Real World				
LIFE	30 Our Home	Supernatural	Video	Supernatural	Video	Video	Video	Video				
HNN	33 News	News										
FAM	26 Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Jumbo	Max Drive						
A&E	31 Varied Programs	Varied Programs										
PREMIUM STATIONS												
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NICK	16 Lucy	Bewitched										
TNT	22 Movie	Up Close										
USA	24 Paid Prod.	Paid Prod.										
ESPN	24 Varied	Varied										
DISC	24 Next Step	Bev. 2000	Paid Prod.									
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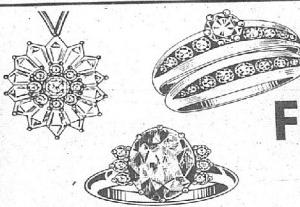
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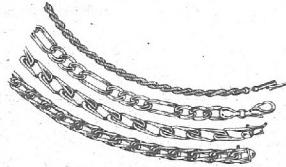
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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries



Bonnie Shemona

Bonnie Rose (Clements) Shemona, 64, of Granite City, formerly of East St. Louis, died at 6:10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1994, at her residence after a one-year illness.

She was born Feb. 20, 1930, in Murphysboro and had been a resident of Granite City for 30 years. A pastor with Sunbeam for 25 years prior to her retirement, she was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Shemona, whom she married Oct. 18, 1947; two sons, Roy Shemona, of Granite City; three daughters, Judy Means and Leasa Shemona, both of Granite City; and Joyce Munro of O'Fallon; one brother, Robert Clements of Madison; five sisters, Margaret Montine of Madison, William Shemona of Murphysboro, Jessie Hazelton of Freeburg, Lucy Johnson of New Albin, and Helen Flota of Mount Vernon; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Edith (McClintic) Clements.

Visitation is from 6 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2700 Pontoon Road, Glen Carbon, where services are at 9 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Ed Linhart and Rev. Erie Cobb officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Ernest Kern

Ernest V. Kern, 82, of Granite City, died at 10:41 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Feb. 27, 1912, in Marion.

An operating engineer with Operating Engineers Local 520 for 50 years prior to his retirement,

he was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Granite City, where he served as an usher for many years. He was active in the Granite City Bowling League.

Survivors include his wife, Agnes (Mize) Kern, whom he married March 28, 1946; three sons, Ernest, Ken of Cape Girardeau, Mo., Tony Kern of Fenton, Mo., and Ron Joyce of Metropolis, Ill.; one daughter, Patti Lynn Gandy of Granite City; two sons, Calvin and William Kern, both of Vandalia, Ill.; four sisters, Eleanor Bearden of Virden, Ill., Maria Dothager of Vandalia, and Freda Doherty of Bellwood, Ill.; two sons, both of Mulberry Grove; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Lawrence and Maude (Kern) Kern; three brothers; and two sisters.

Services were held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, with the Rev. Bob Jones officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for Grace Baptist Church.

Jack Earhart

Jack L. Earhart, 75, of Granite City, died at 7:35 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1994, at his residence after a 10-month illness. He was born June 13, 1919, in Stewart County, Tenn., and had been a resident of Granite City for 20 years.

A laborer with Emerson Electric for 35 years, he was a member of Grace Baptist Church, Granite City, and a United States Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy (Vanderkam) Earhart, three sons, Paul Earhart of Farmington, Mo., and Kevin Rose Earhart and Keith Rose Earhart, both of Tucson, Ariz.; three daughters, Pamela

Earhart, of Pleasanton, Mo., Karen Earhart of Tucson, Ariz.; three brothers, Elroy and Everett Earhart, both of Dover, Tenn., and Edwin Earhart of Clarksville, Tenn.; one son, Ruby Dreyer of Clarksville, 19 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy (Dunlap) Earhart; two brothers, Stanley Earhart; and one sister, Myra Lois Earhart.

Services were held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel for Funerals with the Rev. Eddy Brown officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Graveside services and burial will be held at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dover.

Loma White

Loma R. (Spencer) White, 93, of Pontoon Beach, died at 9:25 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1994, in University Manor Nursing Home, Edwardsville, after a three-year illness.

She was born Feb. 17, 1901, in Paragould, Ark., and had been a resident of Pontoon Beach for 24 years.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three sons, Bennie Joe White of Pontoon Beach, Ralph E. White of Ozark, Mo., and Marvin White of Dale-Pleasant Park; one daughter, Billie Pitts of Ferguson, Mo.; one brother, Richard Spencer of Carbondale; 15 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William White, who died April 9, 1973; her parents, Austin E. and Lillian (Rust) White; her mother and Minnie (Lawson) Quattlebaum; and one brother, Dennis Quattlebaum.

Visitation is from 4 to 6 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Les Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Services are being held at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Les Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Elsie Mathenia

Elsie (Vaughn) Mathenia, 75, of Granite City, died at 10:50 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born April 22, 1919, in Bumstead Mills, Tenn., and had been a resident of Colonial Care Center for five years.

A homemaker, she was a member of Tri-City Park Tabernacle in Granite City.

Survivors include one son, Keith Mathenia of Granite City; one daughter, Reidy Johnson of Granite City; one brother, Dick Vaughn of Granite City; two sis-

ters, Marguerite Hildreth and Vicki Belmer, both of Granite City; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Mathenia, who died March 13, 1987; and her parents, Dave and Sadie (Mann) Vaughn.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3939 Marquette Road, Granite City, where services are at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Stephen Perry and Rev. Eddy Brown officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Lora Vaughn

Lora E. (Quattrocchi) Vaughn, 80, of Granite City, died at 9:25 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1994, at University Manor Nursing Home, Edwardsville, after a three-year illness.

She was born Feb. 17, 1914, in Paragould, Ark., and had been a resident of Granite City for 57 years.

A homemaker, she was a member of Peace Freewill Baptist Church and Women of the Moose.

Survivors include one son, James E. Vaughn Jr. of Granite City; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William White, who died April 9, 1973; her parents, Austin E. and Lillian (Rust) White; her mother and Minnie (Lawson) Quattlebaum; and one brother, Dennis Quattlebaum.

Visitation is from 4 to 6 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Les Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Leona Piel

Leona M. (Schmadeke) Piel, 87, of Red Bud, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1994, at St. Clement Hospital, Red Bud. She was born March 21, 1907, in Denison, Iowa.

A homemaker, she was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Baldwin, Ill., where she was part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She made her home for 20 years through the LWML.

Survivors include one son, Lawrence Piel of Red Bud; one daughter-in-law, Bonnie Piel of Red Bud; one sister, Edna of Granite City; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

•Suits

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the big picture indicates an increase," Murnane said.

An average of 250,000 lawsuits are filed each year throughout the state, he said.

"I'm talking about any suit with in the law division. The concern is the costs. It's a burden on the court system, it's an expense to the taxpayers, and it's becoming a tremendous concern."

New legislation would put reasonable caps on litigation involving medical malpractice and product liability, Murnane said.

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Herbert Prewett

Herbert E. Prewett, 65, of Mitchell, was pronounced dead on arrival at 1:28 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a sudden illness.

He was born Dec. 12, 1929, in St. Louis and had been a long-time resident of Granite City area.

A craneman with Granite City Steel for 30 years prior to his retirement in 1980, he was a member of the Baptist faith and a member of the United Stoelvorkers.

Survivors include his wife, Alice (McDonald) Prewett, whom he married in 1951; two sons, Bill Prewett, of Mitchell, and Gary Prewett of Anna, Ill.; two daughters, Judy Prewett and Dottie Doty, both of Pontoon Beach; one sister, Ann Doty, of Granite City; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lynne and Edna (Marquis) Prewett.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where services are at 11 a.m. Friday.

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taking away compensation. We want more legitimacy in suits. If someone is responsible, they ought to pay and compensate the victim, but it needs to be brought under control," he said.

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New legislation would put reasonable caps on litigation involving medical malpractice and product liability, Murnane said.

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She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Schmedke, who died Aug. 15, 1926, in Hanover, Iowa, and who died Jan. 20, 1982; one daughter; her parents, John and Wilhelmina (Lange) Schmedke; two brothers; and nine sisters.

Visitation is after 4 p.m. today, Thursday, at Koch-Liefer Funeral Home, 820 E. Market St., Red Bud. Services are at 2 p.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Baldwin, with the Rev. Leroy Eckert officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Baldwin.

Memorials are requested for St. John's Lutheran Church or Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Alma Daubach

Alma E. (Kopper) Daubach, 81, of Granite City, died at 8:50 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, 1994, at her residence. She was born March 13, 1913, in Kansas City, Kan.

A head cook with the 25th Street Grill, Granite City prior to her retirement, she was a former member of Full Gospel Tabernacle Church.

Survivors include three sons, Frank Charles Dewbach Jr. of Granite City and David and Tim Daubach, both of Washington Park; two daughters, Delores Croch of Memphis, Tenn., and Wanda Mae of Granite City; 16 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

"She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Charles Daubach Sr., her parents, Jeff and Mary (Bennett) Kopper, and one brother, Russell Kopper.

Visitation is after 5 p.m. Friday at Kassly Colonial Mortuary, 9900 St. Clair Ave., Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Willis Clark officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Belleville.

•Suits

of cases, officials said.

Madison County Circuit Clerk Matt Melucci said he has not noticed a significant change in the number of suits filed in the past two years.

"The numbers can fluctuate each year by about 200 either way, and that really doesn't give any indication of whether they are up or down the increase or decrease," he said.

Melucci said he does not review statistics on a case-by-case basis but is aware of an increase in the number of frivolous lawsuits.

"I can't think of any offhand," he said. "But what might be frivolous to me may be important to the person who filed the lawsuit."

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Sports

Curry verbally commits to K-State

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Pat Curry took a bite out of the Little Apple last weekend and was obviously impressed.

The Granite City High School football standout has ended a lengthy recruiting process and has made an oral commitment to attend Kansas State University.

CURRY, ONE OF THE ST. LOUIS AREA'S most sought-after recruits, visited the Manhattan, Kan., school over the weekend and chose K-State over a number of other Division I schools. Curry announced his decision Monday night after canceling visits to another Big Eight school — Missouri — and perennial Big Ten powerhouse Michigan.

Curry was heavily recruited by another Big 10 school, Northwestern. But he settled on Kansas State after an extensive visit and a first-hand look at coach Bill Snyder's dramatically improved program.

The Wildcats are 9-2 this season and ranked eighth in the nation. They will meet Boston College in the Aloha Bowl on Christmas Day.

"I'm pretty happy with my decision," said Curry, a 6-4, 260-pound senior receiver as a defensive lineman. "It's a relief to get it over. I pretty much narrowed it down to Northwestern and Kansas State."

"I really liked the (K-State) players and everyone in the community. The community is really

behind the football team. Their program is really solid, and it's one of the best teams in the Big Eight."

THE WILDCATS HAVE made tremendous strides under Snyder, who was recently named the most popular coach in the year. Once considered one of the worst programs in the country, K-State has joined Nebraska and Colorado as the Big Eight's elite teams.

After six years under Snyder, Kansas State has gone 36-30-1.

"They've been solid the last few years,"

Curry said. "They've really built up the program. The facilities are really nice, and I have a good chance of playing in the next four years."

You never know

what's going to happen, but I would say in my second year I should be fighting for a spot."



Pat Curry

Football

GCHS football coach Don Harris was thrilled with Curry's decision. Over the past two seasons, Harris helped raise awareness of Curry by mailing out countless videotapes to Division I coaches.

"HE GOT A good offer, and he's earned it," Harris said. "He's going to a real good program. They were interested from the beginning. They liked Patrick's size and the way he moves."

"I'm glad he's made a decision. He had a real good visit. It wasn't an easy decision for him."

Curry passed up a chance to be reunited with his brother, Larry, at Northwestern. Larry Curry was a junior defensive tackle for NU this year, and Pat attended several of the Wildcats' games over the past three years before making an official recruiting visit Dec. 2.

"He didn't try to influence me in any way," Pat Curry said of his brother. "I was highly impressed with Northwestern. They're another program on the move."

At Kansas State, Curry figures to play a position he was converted into as a senior at GCHS: defensive lineman.

CURRY WAS A hard-hitting linebacker and fullback as a junior in 1993. He began this season at both spots, but eventually moved to both sides of the line because of his imposing size.

He now looks forward to reaching his ultimate goal — playing major college football. He figures to play defensive tackle.

"It's a good feeling to play Division I," Curry said. "It's something I've always wanted to do."

As a senior, Curry was named first-team all-Southwestern Conference. He posted 29 tackles, 27 assists, three sacks and one fumble recovery.

Curry and the Warriors, however, had a much better season in 1993 when they went 4-0. GCHS lost most of its starting lineup and went 0-9 this season.

"It was a really tough year," Curry said. "We came into the season pretty optimistic, but we were a young team and then we got hit by the injuries. We started playing real good football near the end of the season, but that's when we started playing the tougher teams on our schedule. I think next year's ballclub will be pretty good. They'll have a lot of experience."

Curry, who spent the last three years developing into a Division I prospect, will continue working out over the winter. He plans to conclude his high school career in the same fashion his brothers did: on the track competing in the weight events.

"I'm working out and getting ready for college, and I'll probably go out for track next spring," Curry said. "I'm just going out for the fun of it."

Wrestling Club wins 25 medals at meet

The Granite City Wrestling Club, with 25 medalists and seven individual champions in Sunday's Granite City Christmas Tournament at Granite City High School.

Granite City had the most medalists on the day — 11 — and the most champions, but finished second in medals to Murphysboro. Granite City, Alton, Vandalia, Mo., finished with 26 medalists, while Murphysboro finished with 30. Awards were given for first through sixth place.

LEADING THE WAY for Granite City were tournament champions Zack May, Mark Venable, Gary Oxford, Pat Sparks, Kevin Venable, Nick Ritter and Ben Temple. May and Venable competed in the 11-12 age group, with May winning the 94-pound weight class and Venable winning the 122-pound weight class.

In the 13-14 age group, Oxford won the 84-pound weight class; Sparks won at 107; Venable was at 147; Ritter was at 157, and Temple won at heavyweight.

Four other wrestlers placed second: 70-pounder Steven Pach, in the 11-12 age group; John McRae, 79 pounds; Worthen Morris, 101, and Mark Derossett (166) in the 13-14 age group.

Jake Tjrtan (74), Chad Wilson (84) and Jake Janek (115) placed third in the 11-12 age group, while Richie Carney (129) and Ryan Spiroff (184) placed third in the 13-14 age group.

GRANITE CITY ALSO had four fourth-place finishers, two fifth-place finishers and six sixth-place finishers.

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(Staff photo by KYLE HESTER)
Joshua Dahm of Granite City battles Collinsville's Joshua Blaylock during the Granite City Christmas Tournament last Sunday at GCHS.

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Ervyn Jackstadt placed fifth, and Kyle Peterson and Alex Wilcox both placed sixth.

NOTES: The Granite City Wrestling Club will take on Murphysboro in a dual meet at 4 p.m. today in the GCHS Annex. The meet will precede tonight's GCHS freshman sophomore meet against Oakville.

In a youth tournament Dec. 11 at Wood River, the Granite City Wrestling Club produced four champions, four second-place finishers and five third-place finishers.

Placing third were Matt Cappotelli, Joshua Dahm, Anthony Wise and Austin Wagoner. Placing fourth were T.J. Haymaker, James Cook and Mark Derossett.

Placing fifth were Brandon Stenberg and Tommy Tedesco.

Placing sixth were Bryan Tomaszewski, Krista Eaker, Jennifer Haack and Michaela McCallister.

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Prep roundup

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Boys basketball

Belleville East	Boys	Belleville West	65
28 19	8 15	21 15	-6
18 20	9 13	15 -	37
EAST: Siers, *17, Tanner, 16, Roth, 15,			
Hedberg, 11, Matthews, 7, Frisher, 1, FG-12,			
3FG-1, FT-5, PF-9.			
WEST: King, 20, Jones, 18, Osborn, 13,			
Galley, 13, Johnston, 1, FG-29, 3FG-1, FT-4,			
PF-7.			
Waterloo 51, Red Bull 37			
RED BULL	Boys	WATERLOO	37
16 15	13 17	10 10	-52
TRIAD: Triad 92, Roxana 68			
9 20	22 17	58	-52
TRIAD: Roxana	Boys	TRIAD: Roxana	68
Cherapak, 16, Cluts, 11,			
McDaniel, 19, Bearley, 9, White, 6, McNeil,			
Lynn, 3, Haug, 2, Tomlin, 1, Klem,			
Leggett, 1, Goss, 1, FG-19, 3FG-7, FT-9,			
PF-13.			
TRIAD: McDonald, 28 (6 assists, 7 steals),			
Taylor, 19 (10 rebounds), Ciglano, 17 (4			
rebounds), Rainwater, 13 (9 assists), Drey, 7			

Trojans

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said. "I was very pleased with the way the kids pulled together tonight."

"They could have given (Mater Dei) a better game, but we never got in the game. They were a well-coached, disciplined team."

After falling behind 18-17 in the first quarter against Hillboro, the Trojans fought up the deficit, pressure and outscored the Hilltoppers 16-10 to close the first half. Matt Noyes hit a 3-pointer to give the top-seeded Trojans a lead at the 6:16 mark, but Hillboro's next basket did not come until the beginning of the second half.

DEMOND SIMMS keyed the second-quarter run with a three-pointer to make it 33-23 with 2:53 left. Tony Smith then came up with a backcourt steal and fed

DeWayne Blakely, who drew a foul and hit one of two attempts to extend the lead to 11 points. Smith hit two jumpers to put the half and end the Trojans' decisive run.

"They were matching us basket for basket in the first quarter," Collins said. "We had to stop them from setting up, and we made some key steals."

"It seemed like we were stuck

on 23 points," Hillboro coach Dyke Buerkett said. "But our ball didn't go down, and we got back in it in the second half. They kept battling."

The Trojans kept their lead in double figures for the entire second quarter when Alvin Valentine struck four of nine for a game-high 21 points. But the Hilltoppers managed to stay close in the final period behind the inside play of forwards Jeremy Connor and Joe Chappellear.

CHAPPELEAR'S BASKET

with 2:40 left cut Madison's lead to 62-53, but with just under a minute remaining, Smith hit four straight free throws to make it 70-53 and seal the win.

Smith, a junior point guard, scored 13 points to lead the Trojans along with Valentine. Anthony Connor scored 11 points and Milan Jones added seven. But Madison got plenty of help from its bench, including three reserves who started.

Smith and another starter, Eddie Thomas, did not start because of disciplinary reasons. In their place were Simms, Blakely and point guard Charles Franklin.

"We still have one outstanding player," Collins said. "We have a well-balanced team, and that's the only way we're going to get it done."

"I take a lot of pride in my

bench. I can bring a lot of kids off the bench and they all give us a spark. That's going to make us a better team this year."

VILLETTA, MADISON'S 6-5 center, got support inside from Kevin Bradley (6-3) and Chris Mallett (6-2). Mallett, a redshirt, played real well.

Collins picked him up and hit the boards.

The Trojans are off for the rest of the week, and will be idle until next week's Collinsville Holiday Classic. Madison will face Quincy, another state-ranked team, in the first round of tournament at 2 p.m. Dec. 28.

The Blue Devils are ranked fifth in the latest Class 3A poll and have the No. 2 seed in the tournament. The top-seeded team, Peoria Central, is ranked eighth.

Kami

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off the sept. 3-4 at the St. Joseph's Classic in Reservoir, Ind. After tying Southeast Illinois University-Collinsville in its first game of the year, Wisconsin-Parkside played University of Missouri-St. Louis to another tie the following day.

BOTH GAMES WENT into two overtimes, and the Rangers held their own in their first action together. Jim and Diane Schramm, Vanessa Parada of Rockford, were named to the All-Tournament team.

The Rangers did go on to post a winning season despite their inexperience on the college level and a lineup of almost all freshmen.

"We started nine freshmen, and one of them played basketball for four years and had never touched a soccer ball," Rainey said. "It was basically new comers."

"I think record-wise, we definitely surpassed some of our expectations. I was really pleased with how we competed

against the Division II teams that were ranked."

The Rangers not only produced a winning record, but they were ranked seventh in the Division II Great Lakes.

The season ended with a 3-2 loss to Quinnipiac, which advanced to the semifinals of the Division II national tournament.

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Wisconsin-Parkside after the season.

"The other thing that helped Kami was the program she came from. She came in as a freshman, but she could play at a level that would be on par with what she learned from coach (Gene) Baker. She was fundamentally sound."

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"The one thing about Kami is she'll definitely be on the field," Rainey said. "She's a well-rounded athlete. But since she's so versatile we might use her in different spots on the field."

Sports

• Girls

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Lutheran 67, Couleville 57

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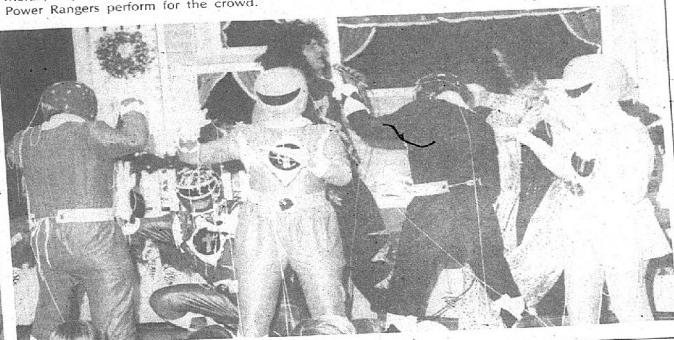


Celebration — "King's Kids" brought a Christmas show to Granite City Township Hall earlier this month. In photos above, the group teaches youngsters attending a Christmas song. Below left, Garnet



(Photos by PHILIP WALKER)

Moran, left, and Diana Prazma, both of Granite City, take a minute for a conversation. Below right, the Power Rangers perform for the crowd.



Can 'normal' children get SSI benefits?

By Bill Hunot
Social Security Administration

Q. My daughter goes to school with a family of kids that all get Supplemental Security Income (SSI). These children are normal. I don't understand why they are able to get SSI. One of the tests for SSI is that many normal students receive SSI, the common name for it is "crazy checks," because that is what teachers say about act disabled.

Will you explain what is going on?

A. Social Security is aware of allegations that some children are being coached by their parents to misbehave in school and do poorly on tests in order to qualify for SSI.

In response to these allegations, the government reviewed 600 randomly selected childhood disability cases involving conduct and learning disorders. The reviews showed there were a few cases where coaching appeared to be an issue. In most of the cases, claims were approved or denied based on evidence other than the child's behavior.

However, these concerns have not been dismissed. Social Security has begun to ask specific questions designed to identify coached behavior when the records are reviewed for the child's school. School officials can help prevent abuse of the SSI program by cooperating fully with Social Security's

OATH gets check

Granite City Optimist President "Bud" Charbonnier recently presented a check to Jim McMurray, adviser to the Optimist Club. School officials can help ensure that handicapped youth can participate in the scouting programs and attend summer camp at the Tom Hock Barrier-Free Campsite at Camp Sunnen, Mo.



requests for information. Two years ago, Social Security developed new rules for evaluating childhood disabilities for the purpose of deciding SSI eligibility. The agency worked with children's experts and child advocates in the process of developing the rules. The new rules assess young children in terms of mental development, cognitive communication, social development, behavior, responsiveness to stimuli in newborns and young infants, concentration, persistence and pace.

If a child's impairments substantially reduce his ability to function in an age-appropriate manner, he will qualify for SSI. A child who is only minimally affected by his impairments is not eligible for SSI. My husband died in 1981 after we were married for 30 years. He didn't live long enough to get Social Security, but I plan to apply for his benefits as his widow. How much will my benefits be reduced if I take them at age 62?

A. You who start getting benefits before 65 receive a permanently reduced benefit.

The reduction is normally 2 percent of 1 percent of your full benefit for every month benefits are taken early. If you start receiving at 60, you'll receive 72.9 percent of the full amount. If you start at 62, you'll get 82.9 percent.

Q. My daughter tells me that I should apply for SSI payments. Will I have to sell my house to qualify?

A. No. The real estate you own and live in does not count against you when you apply for SSI. It doesn't matter how much the home is worth. The value of other real estate does count against you for SSI resource limits. However, if you have real estate that would keep you from

getting SSI, you can still get SSI payments while you are trying to sell that property.

Q. I will apply for retirement and Medicare benefits when I reach 65. My 60-year-old wife wants to start spouse's benefits at the same time. Will she get her Medicare, too?

A. No. Your wife cannot get Medicare until she is 65. Two groups can get Medicare before 65: people who need kidney dialysis or a liver, and people who have Social Security disability benefits for two years or more.

Address questions for Bill Hunot to West County Publicity, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Agency honors local man

James T. Harris of Granite City recently received a performance award from the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center.

This award is given to aerospace center employees for consistently exceeding the standard of performance for their position with the agency.

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Seasonal celebrations feature nationalities

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Manger Scene is being filled with choir music on Christmas Eve, when the international Christmas Choir Assembly performs. Choirs also will be performing at Jerusalem and Nazareth, and the international Choirs in Concert will perform in Jerusalem on Christmas Day, according to the Israel Ministry of Tourism.

The Christmas crib scene is the pride of the Malta Tourist Office. Displays of various positions from the country of the presepu, a crib showing the birth of Jesus and the arrival of the Three Kings can be seen Dec. 21 through Jan. 1 in Valletta, capital of this Mediterranean island-nation. Examples are displayed in churches, squares and windows along the streets. Made from wood, clay wax, paper-mache or bread, the cribs often are elaborate with mother-of-pearl figures, gold threads, gardens, real figures and illuminated caves and houses. The Malta Tourist Office, (212) 695-9520, has more information.

"The Nutcracker" in a one-hour production for children, is scheduled by the New York Theatre Ballet at Florentine Guild Hall in New York City from Dec. 20 to Dec. 22. Performed by children of Byers' Ballet School in New York, the production is choreographed and designed by Keith Schuck. Tickets are \$17.50 for adults and \$12.50 for children, available through Tickemaster, (212) 307-7171 or the Florentine Guild Hall office, (212) 355-1000.

New York City's South Street Seaport is home to The Chorus Tree, 40 members of the St. Cecilia Chorus standing on a platform in front of a large tree and a hill covered in front of the Christmas tree at Market Square. They perform twice each day, Thursdays through Sunday. For information, call (212) 625-5000.

For flashlights, lights down Texas way, visitors can view "A Lone Star Spectacular," a laser and fireworks show that's part of the Fiesta Texas "Lone Star

Christmas" celebration in San Antonio. For more information, call 1-(800) 473-4378.

Thousands of lights strung among the trees take in New York City Park are centerpiece of the annual "Celebrations of the Oaks," Nov. 25 through Jan. 1. Among the attractions are a recreated Village and two-step music along the park's old cypress and water-filled bayou; Louisiana dishes created by Chef Paul Prudhomme; and a visit to the Botanical Garden; and a Storyland in both the Carousel Gardens and Botanical Garden. For information call (504) 483-9418.

Dolls from all over the world and from many lands will be displayed at Bristol Mansions and Gardens in Bristol, Tennessee, during its annual Christmas celebrations on Dec. 10. "All Dotted Up" will include dolls from France, Italy, Germany, Thailand, China, all collected in the 1920s and 1930s by Marjorie Lyon, daughter of the coal baron who built Bristol. For information, call (401) 253-2707.

A 19th century New England Christmas is recreated all during December at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. The village includes a Gloucester fishing schooner and the historic buildings along the wharf. Costumed staff will explain how people of the seafaring community lived. For information, call 1-(800) 522-1841.

The Festival of Christmas and Mid-Winter Traditions at Folklore Village in Appleton, Wisconsin, Dec. 27 to Jan. 1, celebrates folklore and traditions from French-Canadian, Balkan and African customs this year. The feasts, games, dancing, crafts, fairs and workshops will be wound up with folk dances and a bonfire of dozens of Christmas trees. For information, call (608) 924-4000.

Horoscope

Thursday, Dec. 22, 1994
The Leo moon dazzles romantics, while inner children everywhere come out to play. Ego and grandiose productions are in right now. The sun (the flowing self) sinks roots bedrock-deep in Capricorn's earthy clay, wherein crooked noses, twisted limbs, well-articulated plans, schemes and manipulation propel upward mobile climbs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Design business or career arrangements to suit your needs — precise planning brings success. Extra commitments to assure that you get carelessness cost you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 18). High-flying money action is speeded by Jupiter's good luck. Broaden an investment strategy to fit greater gains. Emotional needs top the agenda and force a slowdown. Settle the issue now.

GEMINI (May 19-June 21). Past financial experience confers wisdom you can't afford to ignore. Go to a relative's half-baked scheme. Fiscal reality demands putting your needs first. Call the shots in affairs of the heart. Claim what's yours.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Divine, ideal bargain where money is at stake. Your star will help you make the first move. Singles, don't reject a romantic proposal right away.

THIRTY-ONE (July 23-Aug. 22). Workplace competition are on the prowl. Give rivals a run for their money, yet you're more likely to win.

LEO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Workforce competition are on the prowl. Give rivals a run for their money, yet you're more likely to win.

JEWEL'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 22). Nothing stops a Capricorn on the rise. This year, make change your friend. Create more supportive habits, attitudes and ways of being that visibly enhance your life. May's fizzing romance starts innocently in April and yields results in July. Your mentor's bank account is at your service in spring.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A home or domestic project soaks up big bucks. Maintain fiscal balance — there's a limit to how much you can spend. Assertiveness helps romance. Clarify your position in the workplace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Youngsters need money experience to develop financial skills. A family situation must be clarified so home relations can grow. Adopt an open mind — clinging to antiquated ideas smother love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Prioritizing is essential with so much going on — practical goals must come first. Enjoy frivolous pleasures only after a financial balance is secure. Stop protecting this coming over late; you see the situation more accurately.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Personal or financial responsibility demands more time or energy than before. When you willingly shoulder duties, you can carry more and still get everything done. A mini-vacation for two will do the trick.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take the offensive. Whatever you aim, you're gutsy and vigorous enough to win. A pal's pep talk will help you reach your greatest achievement yet. Love and bustiness mix perfectly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You and an ally are lucky in a money game. Act now for a quick win. Ghostly private memories of your youth will game. Forget about losses — focus on success. Give yourself aids your self-improvement and growth.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Place your long-term happiness in above all else. Fickle affairs are OK if you're only interested in play — to savor family pleasures, you'll need to sell down.

— Associated Press

Messenger of peace is celebrated in play

A man who advocated overthrow of his country's leader by violent means is being honored this holiday season as a messenger of peace.

The man was Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German minister and theologian who was imprisoned and later executed by the Nazis for his part in plots to kill Hitler. His life and message are the subject of a new play, "A Victim from the Underworld: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer," by Al Stagg, being staged at Southwestern University and several other college campuses.

Stagg, pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church in San Antonio and a doctor candidate at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, has captured "an astonishing fullness of Dietrich, the personality and the message," says Richard Bell, Bonhoeffer's biographer.

In choosing the play for the college religion lectures, Dr. Farley Snell, Southwest's chaplain, acknowledges the irony of Bonhoeffer's pacifist calling against his efforts in plots against Hitler's life.

Pacifists do in fact recognize that they are involved in cases of pre-emptive national interest,

Snell says. "In any case, it is always ironical for Christians to be involved in violence in war, and is especially so at the season of Christmas, with its announcement of peace."

Bonhoeffer's last Christmas, in 1944, was spent in prison in a year-end letter to a friend, he reminisced about pleasant Christmas memories centering around family, the pleasure of home, and the holiday music.

Bonhoeffer, from a well-connected aristocratic German family, had faced the Nazi edict to communicate and give no aid to Jews and non-Aryans. "He became involved in the plots against Hitler because he believed that as an Orthodox Christian he had no other choice but to try to foil a larger evil."

"We have been silent witnesses of evil deeds," Bonhoeffer wrote to friends. "We have been drenched by many storms; we have learned the arts of equivocation and pretense; experiments have made us suspicious of others and kept us from being truthful and open; intolerable conflicts have worn us down and even made us cynical."

"Are we still of any use? What shall need (after the war) is not geniuses, or cynics or misanthropes, or clever tacticians; but plain, honest straightforward men. Will our

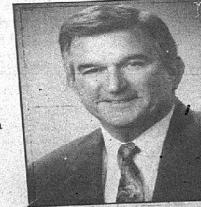
with ourselves remorseless enough, for us to find our way back to simplicity and straightforwardness?

Constantly tormented by the Gestapo, he wrote again that he had to be around after the war to help build the badly compromised German Lutheran church. He was arrested again in 1944, and on April 9, 1945, was hanged for treason.

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An old-fashioned Christmas on display

By Scott Wuerz
Staff writer

Visitors to the Madison County Historical Museum in December can get the feel of a good old-fashioned Christmas without taking a trip this time of year.

Museum Director Anna Semanski said all the traditional holiday trimmings, complete with pointed evergreen trees and other Christmas greens are being found in the museum.

The 150-year-old house which contains the museum will provide a unique perspective of what Christmas used to be like, Semanski said.

"Traditional Christmas decorations really fit the era of the house," Semanski said. "Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year."

The Madison County Historical Museum, located at 715 N. Main in Edwardsville, is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Groups are urged to call 656-7562 in advance to make an appointment, Semanski said.

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